## **Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation**

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

## General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #1a-c Applicant must verify that the information provided is the most recent available.
- #7b Narrative does not support selection. It is not clear that a majority of the OHV areas are being patrolled on a daily basis.
- #7c Narrative does not support the selection. "Education programs, maps".
  Applicant must verify that the maps address OHV trespass and respect for private property.
- #9b Narrative does not support methods to address soil issues.

- #11b Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.
- #11c Applicant's information must match that of land manager.
- #13 Applicant must verify response by final submission.

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# **Project Description**

- A- Applicant must verify that areas the restoration will be completed in will not be covered by the USFS Eldorado National Forest Restoration project.
- A- Forestdale Divide- Applicant must explain if routes are on Forest Service land.
- A- This Application seems duplicative of the G16-04-58-R01 project. Applicant must explain how the two projects are different.
- G- Applicant must further define the sites for the 6 sign boards.

# Project Cost Estimate

- Staff- Volunteer Monitoring Team- Applicant must verify that this member is different from the Restoration crewmember under contracts.
- Staff- Volunteer Restoration Crew- Applicant must define where these volunteers come from.
- Contract- Restoration Project Leader- Applicant must confirm that this is not a staff member of Center for Sierra Nevada Conservancy. In previous applications this position was. Additionally job duties: crew vehicle maintenance is an indirect item. Applicant must and recalculate cost accordingly.
- Materials and Supplies: Barrier Rocks- Applicant must explain how the cost was determined as cost seems excessive compared to other projects.
- Materials and Supplies: Chainsaw- Applicant must explain the 100% increase in price of this line item from previous year's application. Cost seems excessive.
- Materials and Supplies: Cable rigging- Applicant must explain the 50% increase in price of this line item from previous year's application. Cost seems excessive.
- Materials and Supplies- Interpretative Signs- Applicant must clarify that these signs are not duplicative of signs being installed by USFS- Eldorado National Forest.
- Equipment Use Expense: Personal Vehicles- All nonfederal agency Applicants shall follow the policy established by the State of California for its employees with regard to travel reimbursement and shall not exceed the rates paid to Exempt, Excluded, and Represented State of California employees. The rates are posted at http://www.dpa.ca.gov/ personnel-policies/travel/hr-staff.htm. Applicant must verify that mileage rate is current approved rate. Applicant must clarify that these vehicles were not purchased with OHV dollars.

- Equipment Use Expense- Personal Vehicles- Contract botanist vehicle must be included in the contract for the botanist and is not an allowable use fee. Applicant must remove and adjust cost accordingly.
- Equipment Use Expense- trailer tires- item should be included in the trailer maintenance line item. Applicant must remove line item.
- Equipment Use Expense: Crew vehicle maintenance- Applicant must explain the increase in cost from previous year's application.
- Equipment Use Expenses- Crew vehicle Tires- item should be included in the crew vehicle maintenance line item. Applicant must remove line item.
- Indirect- Applicant has exceeded the 15% allowable dollar amount for Indirect Cost category. Applicant must adjust the line items accordingly.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- #2-Narrative does not support selections "Stream or other watercourse", "T&E listed species" or "other special status species". Applicant must explain severity of impacts that might occur if Project is not funded.
- #4- Narrative does not support "Incorporation of universally recognized BMPs".
  Applicant must further explain which BMPs will be used on this Project.
- #7- Narrative does not support "Publicly noticed meeting". Applicant must identify how the public was noticed.